

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal device, comprising:
a substrate;
a plurality of color material layers of a plurality of colors arranged on the substrate ;
a light-shielding layer surrounding each color material layer;
a protective layer covering the color material layers and the light-shielding layer; and
a plurality of electrode strips arranged on the protective layer and extending from a formation region of the protective layer to an unformed region of the protective layer, an electrode width of an electrode strip ~~in-on~~ a step portion forming an outline of the protective layer in the boundary part of the formation region and the unformed region being set to be narrower than an electrode width of an electrode strip ~~in-on~~ the protective layer ~~in an-the effective-formation region of the liquid-crystal device, an electrode width of an electrode strip in the unformed region being set to be wider than the electrode width of the electrode strip on the step portion.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The liquid-crystal device according to claim 1, a part of an electrode width of an electrode strip within the unformed region of the protective layer being equal to an electrode width of an electrode strip on the protective layer within the ~~effective-formation~~ region.
3. (Currently Amended) The liquid-crystal device according to claim 2, a pair of sides of an electrode strip that form an outline of an electrode strip in a longitudinal direction thereof in the unformed region of the protective layer lying in extensions of a pair of sides of

an electrode strip that forms an outline of an electrode strip in the longitudinal direction thereof ~~in-on~~ the protective layer in the ~~effective~~-formation region.

4. (Original) Electronic equipment, comprising the liquid-crystal device according to claim 1.

5. (New) The liquid crystal device according to claim 1, a gap between electrode strips adjacent to each other on the step portion is larger than that of electrode strips adjacent to each other on the formation region, electrode strips adjacent to each other on the unformed region being provided with part of a gap which is equal to the gap between the electrode strips on the formation region.

6. (New) A liquid-crystal device, comprising:

- a substrate;
- a plurality of color material layers of a plurality of colors arranged on the substrate;
- a light-shielding layer surrounding each color material layer;
- a protective layer covering the color material layers and the light-shielding layer; and
- a plurality of electrode strips arranged on the protective layer and extending from a formation region of the protective layer to an unformed region of the protective layer, an electrode width of an electrode strip in a step portion forming an outline of the protective layer in the boundary part of the formation region and the unformed region being set to be narrower than an electrode width of an electrode strip on the protective layer in the formation region by approximately 4 μm .